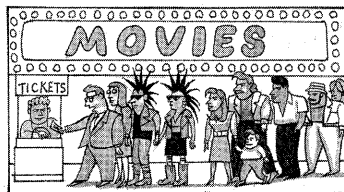


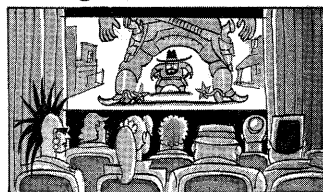
before after during while

A

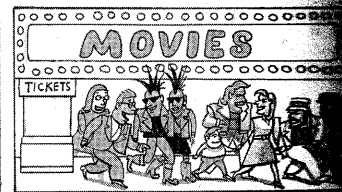
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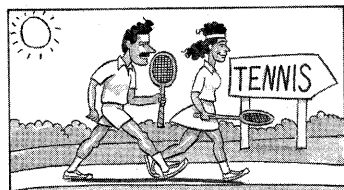
before the movie

during the movie

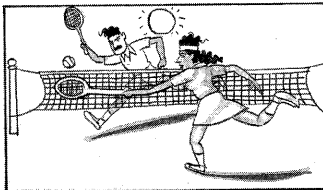
after the movie

- Before the exam everybody was very nervous.
- I went to sleep during the movie.
- We were tired after our visit to the museum.

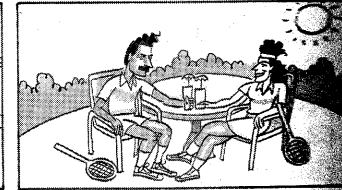
before



while



after



before we played

while we were playing

after we played

- Don't forget to close the windows before you go out.
- I went to sleep while I was watching television.
- They went home after they did the shopping.

B

We use **during** + *noun* (during the movie), **while** + *verb* (while I was watching):

- We didn't speak during the meal.
- but We didn't speak while we were eating. (not "during we were eating")

For the past continuous (**I was -ing**), see Units 12 and 13.

C

You can say **before -ing** and **after -ing**:

before -ing

- I always have breakfast before going to work.
(= before I go to work)
- Before eating the apple, she washed it.
(= before she ate the apple)

after -ing

- I started work after reading the newspaper.
(= after I read the newspaper)
- After doing the shopping, they went home.
(= after they did the shopping)

Exercises

92.1 Complete the sentences. Use **before/during/after** + the best ending from the box.

before
during
after

+

the concert
the course
the end

the exam
lunch
the night

they moved to Australia
you cross the street

1. Everybody was nervous *before the exam.*
2. I usually have lunch at 1:30, and I go back to work.
3. The movie was very boring. We left
4. Ann went to evening classes to learn Spanish. She learned a lot
5. My aunt and uncle lived in Japan
6. Somebody broke a window Did you hear anything?
7. A: Are you going home
B: No, we're going to a restaurant.
8. Always look both ways

92.2 Put in **during** or **while**.

1. We didn't speak *while* we were eating.
2. We didn't speak *during* the meal.
3. Bob called you were out.
4. She wrote a lot of letters she was on vacation.
5. The students looked very bored class.
6. I read the newspaper I was waiting for Jack.
7. I don't eat much the day, but I always have a big meal in the evening.
8. I fell out of bed I was asleep.

92.3 Complete these sentences with **before -ing** . . .

1. She washed the apple. Then she ate it.
She washed the apple before eating it. or *Before eating the apple, she washed it.*
2. Think carefully. Then answer the question.
Think carefully before
3. Mary put on her glasses. Then she read the letter.
Mary put on her glasses
4. The man took off his coat. Then he got into the car.
Before his coat.

Write sentences with **after -ing** . . .

5. We walked for three hours. We were very tired.
We were very tired after
6. I ate too much ice cream. I felt sick.
I felt
7. I read the book a second time. I understood it better.
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8. John graduated from school. Then he worked in a department store for two years.
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